

ABSTRACT

When a computed torque command value Tr^* of a ring gear shaft as a drive shaft exceeds a maximum torque T_{max} , skid
5 occurring state control (step S118) triggered by detection of the occurrence of a skid calculates a torque restriction rate $KT (= T_{max} / Tr^*)$ and restricts the torque output to the ring gear shaft to a maximum torque T_{max} . In a next cycle of a drive control routine, a power demand Pr , which is calculated from
10 inputs of accelerator pedal position AP and vehicle speed V at step S105, is limited to the product of the power demand Pr and a power restriction rate $KP (= KT)$ at step S107. The control with the limited power demand Pr desirably prevents a large engine noise beyond the driver's expectation based on
15 the vehicle driving state.